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Title: PROCESS FOR PREPARING ANTIBODIES AGAINST A POLYPEPTIDE
IN WHICH THE NUCLEIC ACID ENCODING THE PEPTIDE IS KNOWN
(AS AMENDED)

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**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT
UNDER 37 CFR §1.56 and 37 CFR §1.97**

Director of Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Listed on the attached Form PTO/SB/08A are documents known to applicants in order to comply with applicants' duty of disclosure pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.56. Copies of the listed documents are being submitted to comply with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.97-§1.98.

The submission of any document herewith, which is not a statutory bar, is not intended as an admission that such document constitutes prior art against the claims of the present application or is considered to be material to patentability as defined in 37 C.F.R. §1.56(b). Applicants do not waive any rights to take any action which would be appropriate to antedate or otherwise remove as a competent reference any document which is determined to be a *prima facie* prior art reference against the claims of the present application.

TIMING/FEE

The instant Information Disclosure Statement is being filed in compliance with 37 CFR §1.97(b) prior to the mailing date of the first official action, therefore, no fee is required in connection with its filing.

RELEVANCE

The foregoing documents came to the Applicants' attention during a search of the corresponding PCT International Application. A copy of the European search report setting for the portion of each reference considered relevant by the examiner is attached.

Applicants respectfully request that the listed documents be considered by the Examiner and be made of record in the present application and that an initialed copy of Form PTO/SB/08A be returned in accordance with M.P.E.P. §609.

Respectfully submitted,

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